

Amendments to the Specification:

On page 1, please replace the current title with the following amended title:

ANTI-THEFT CASE FOR MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS, PARTICULARLY FOR
VIDEOCASSETTES, DVD, COMPACT DISKS, ~~MUSICASSETTES~~ CASSETTE TAPES
AND THE LIKE

Please replace the paragraph on page 1, lines 2-8, with the following amended paragraph:

The present application is a United States National Phase Application of International Application PCT/IT2002/033830, PCT/IT2002/000650 titled “Anti-theft Case for Miscellaneous Items, Particularly for Videocassettes, DVD, Compact Disks, Musicassettes and the like,” filed October 11, 2002, the contents of which are incorporated herein in its entirety.

Please replace the paragraph on page 3, lines 14-15, with the following amended paragraph:

- Figure 1 is [[a]] a perspective view of an embodiment of the anti-theft case according to the present invention;

Please replace the paragraph on page 6, lines 18-22, with the following amended paragraph:

Finally, the seat 22 of the opening and closing means 12 is equipped with walls 46 for enabling a sliding of the locking and unlocking means 18 and with at least one holding shoulder [[48]] for unmovably holding the locking and unlocking means 18 in a closing position.

Please replace the paragraph on page 7, lines 1-7, with the following paragraph:

With the open case 1 (Fig. 8), in order to close it, the object to be protected is placed into the case 1 and the two half-cases 3, 5 are closed one over the other (Fig. 6 and 7) making the opening and closing means 12 slide til the locking and unlocking means 18 have slid into the seat 22 abutting onto the holding shoulder [[48]] in order to lock the case 1 in a closing position (Fig. 6).

Please replace the paragraph on page 7, lines 8-16, with the following amended paragraph:

In order to open the case 1, the locking and unlocking means 18 are attracted (through known magnetic means, commonly available in the sales counters of the places where the cases 1 are located) ~~outside toward the shoulder of~~ the seat 22, freeing thereby the opening and closing means 12, that are ~~made slide slid~~ (manually or through the resilient means 24) into their disengagement position with the first and second half-cases 3, 5 in order to allow opening the case 1 for removing therefrom or inserting therein a product.